



# HOUSE OF THE LORD

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## WHY WE SING IT

The imagery of the church throughout Scripture is vast, giving us great insight into who we are as the people of God. As the New Israel of God (Gal. 6:16) finding its rest in Christ, the church is given the voice of gladness (Jer. 33:10-11) as it worships in the house of the Lord. Surely this can shape our approach to singing praises to God in weekly worship. But there's a bit of a double meaning here. At the same time the church is being built up as a spiritual house of the Lord (1 Pet. 2:5) through Jesus Christ. This means that the covenant promises of God, all the way back to the Garden, through Noah, Abraham, Moses and David find their fulfillment in God's relationship to Christ (Jer. 31:31-33; Matt. 26:28) and his body (Col. 1:18), the church (Gal. 3:29). God dwells in you and with you through Christ and his Spirit.

Here's what this means: if you are in Christ, you have access at any moment to an endless tap of the joy of Christ! "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full" (John 15:11). FULL JOY! Despite your circumstances, trials, losses, and persecutions, your joy may be full in Christ.

In fact, it's even through those things that Christ is stirring up in you unending joy as you share in his sufferings to the glory of God (Rom. 8:17; 1 Pet. 4:13). We don't ignore the brokenness in and around us in this life, but we are called to rejoice in and through them with a sacrifice of praise (Heb. 13:15) as they prepare for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison (2 Cor. 4:17)! In Christ we are forgiven, accepted, and redeemed by his grace. Hallelujah, there's JOY in the house of the Lord!

-Jonathan

## LYRICS

### *Verse 1*

**We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory**

### *Chorus*

**There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise**

### *Verse 2*

**We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away**

### *Bridge*

**We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free  
We are forgiven accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise**

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